



TGAW NEWS

Holocaust Educational Trust

On Monday, 23rd April over 70 students heard testimony from Joanna Millan, Holocaust survivor. Joanna was orphaned in the Theresienstadt ghetto and after the liberation was flown to England and adopted by a Jewish couple living in London. She grew up having to hide her identity. Her story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances and students had the opportunity to learn where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead and explore the lessons of the Holocaust in more depth.



BBC Mailbox Tour

A group of students experienced behind the scenes of the News and Radio studios at the BBC site at the Mailbox. We saw Radio DJs at work and were shown the dashboards where callers' details pop up and how music is phased in and out. Students were also involved in making their own radio show, taking scripted parts and making sound effects.



We also saw where the News is filmed and went to a control room not dissimilar to the inside of a spaceship, where producers, directors and sound managers prepare and monitor live and recorded shows. Students were shocked to learn that the windows we see on the News are in fact pictures of windows!

CVQO Schools Partnership Programme

With funding from Worcestershire Virtual School, Tudor Grange Academy Worcester hosted the CVQO Schools Partnership Programme. Over a twelve week period 12 students achieved a BTEC Level 1 qualification in Teamwork and Personal Skills in the Community. They visited the National Memorial Arboretum; redeveloped a butterfly garden with the National Trust at Croft Castle; conducted a day of high rope activities at Blackwell Adventure; spent a day in the woods building shelters and cooking on open fires and finished the term on a high with a graduation event with over 40 visitors in attendance. They developed important life skills such as teamwork, communication and resilience which will assist them in their academic studies, socially and in their future careers.



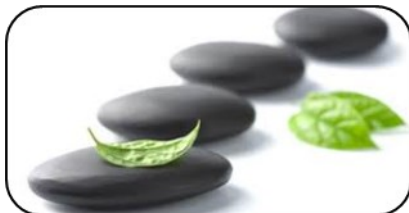
The Art Department has entered the 21st Century. Follow us @ArtsTgaw

The Community Arts SAS has completed their final artwork for this year's Voices and Visions exhibition which will take place from May in Worcester Cathedral. With 'Acts of Kindness' as the theme, they have been working hard to produce imaginative and colourful designs which will fill the cathedral with positive thoughts.



Worcester Stands Tall has come to TGAW and Gordon the giraffe calf has finally arrived. We look forward to transforming him ready for his safari around Worcestershire, joining the other sculptures created by schools and professional artists in a mass participation public art trail during the summer. Year 8 students will participate in 'Rivers of the World' and will get to work with a professional glass artist this half term. We have also been paired with our school in Nairobi, the Talent Academy-Langata. www.talentacademyschool.ac.ke Take a look to see who will be working with! Congratulations to all of you who made it onto the Visual Arts Wall of Fame!

Achievement Team Advice



Exam Stress

A little stress can be a good thing. It can motivate and be the push we need to get things done.

However, sometimes dealing with stress, especially exam stress, can be a difficult thing to do.

Top Tips:

Plan revision time - start revision early, taking notes, using diagrams and illustrations to help. Use post-it notes, place key words around your house. You must take a break, every 20 minutes of study time.

Don't go it alone - revise with peers, friends or a study buddy. Ask staff for help.

Believe in yourself - avoid comparing your abilities with your friends. Everyone learns at different levels.

Eat right - cut out junk food, high fats and sugar content and avoid or lessen caffeine intake. Instead, eat regularly and include slow release carbs. Keep hydrated.

Exercise - try to take a little every day.

Sleep well - it helps your brain to be more alert, responsive and helps with consolidating memory. You need at least 8-9 hours, so no cramming in midnight revision sessions!

Wellbeing 'DROP IN' at lunchtime in P012

School Nurse on Mondays

WWW.KOOTH.com an online support service

BBC Radio 1- BBC Advice-Exam Stress

Reading for Pleasure

It's Shakespeare Week in English and students have been exploring the exciting world of the bard.



KS3 have been creating their own pieces of descriptive writing using Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' as inspiration. Vocabulary has been 'battered' and 'beaten' into exciting stories that have been voyaging on the 'seas of change'.

KS4 have been given the exciting opportunity to see Shakespeare in action and will be visiting the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford Upon Avon to see the tragic tale of Romeo & Juliet.

KS5 have been using their journalistic skills to engage and entertain by embedding Shakespearian insults into their opinion articles. A favourite from Henry IV included: "Away, you starvelling, you elf-skin, you dried neat's-tongue, bull's-pizzle, you stock-fish!"

Attendance Matters

Whole school attendance is 94.4% and our aim is 95%.

Any student whose attendance falls below 90% is classed as a *Persistently Absent* student. This threshold is reached by missing just 20 days over the academic year. The Academy is then required by the Department for Education to take action and may include Penalty Notice and possible prosecution by the Local Authority.



Friends of TGAW

Mexican quiz: Friday, 11th May 7.30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us at our quiz evening. Entry is £2 per person and there will be a prize for the best dressed Mexican.

Teams of up to 8 people, but don't worry if you don't have a whole team to bring as you can join up with others on the night.



I read for pleasure and that is the moment I learn the most.
Margaret Atwood

RHS MALVERN SPRING FESTIVAL

Come and visit the Academy's Show Garden! The theme is "What's Great about Britain" and has been planned for many months by TGAW SAS Forest Schools and STEM students and staff.

The Spring Festival is held at the Three Counties Show-ground from Thursday, 10th to Sunday, 13th May 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Coming Up:

Bank Holiday: Monday, 7th May

End of formal Year 11 lessons: Friday, 11th May

Formal Exams begin on Monday, 14th May

Dance Showcase: Thursday, 17th May

Half Term: Monday 28th May to Friday, 1st June